

Remarks

Claims 4 and 5 are amended.

Claims 1-14 are present in this application.

Claims 4 and 5 are amended to remove inadvertent periods.

No new matter is added.

Applicants point out the Preliminary Amendment in this application and the Amendment filed January 21, 2005. In said amendments 35 USC 112, second paragraph problems were addressed.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record.

This has been previously addressed. Claim 10 in its present form is definite.

Claims 1-9 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 3903218 in view of Keller, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,574,082, JP 62-158737 and Fukui, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,100,930.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants point out the present working Examples on pages 13-18 of the specification.

The present Examples clearly show surprising advantageous results for polyethylene compounded with the present ternary stabilizer.

Applicants submit that the present outstanding results could not have been expected based on any disclosure of the cited art.

In particular, Applicants point out the results of Example 2, Table 4 on page 17. The formulation CD-3 is compared to I-1 and CD-4 is compared to I-2. The total antioxidant levels of the formulations of the invention, I-1 and I-2, are lower than in CD-3 and CD-4 (controls). However in each case, the performance of the present formulations is better than the controls as measured by YI.

In view of these remarks and the above discussion, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants attach herewith a Revocation/Appointment of Power of Attorney. Also attached is a copy of the Assignment from Clariant to Ciba Specialty Chemicals. This assignment is not yet recorded on the USPTO.

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Attachments: Petition for a 2 month extension of time

Revocation/Appointment of Power of Attorney

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